

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/851,923

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to the RCE filed on 03/24/2005.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-58.
3.  The drawings filed on 09 May 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

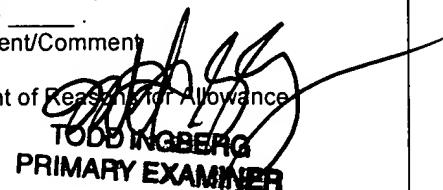
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.  
(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
    1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
(b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
    Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
    Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
    of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
    Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

  
TODD INGERBERG  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This action is in response to the RCE filed on 03/24/2005.
2. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bartoletti et al., "Secure Software Distribution System", 1997 (hereinafter "Bartoletti") to claims 1-58 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment and remarks/arguments.
3. Claim 55 has been amended.
4. Claims 1-58 are pending.
5. Claims 1-58 are allowed.

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The cited prior art taken alone or in combination fail to teach, in combination with the other claimed limitations, for each realization, downloading a realization detector to the computer system, each realization detector determining from the configuration information in the computer object whether the state defined by the realization exists in the computer; writing data to the computer object indicating whether the state defined by the realization exists on the computer; and using the computer object to determine whether each patch is compatible with the installed components of the computer as substantially recited in independent claims 1, 19, 37 and 55.

The closest cited prior art, Bartoletti teaches a method for applying a patch to a computer system. However, Bartoletti fails to teach for each realization, downloading a realization detector to the computer system, each realization detector determining from the configuration

information in the computer object whether the state defined by the realization exists in the computer; writing data to the computer object indicating whether the state defined by the realization exists on the computer; and using the computer object to determine whether each patch is compatible with the installed components of the computer as substantially recited in independent claims 1, 19, 37 and 55; and as pointed out by the applicant's remarks/arguments on pg. 14, par. 2 to par. 3.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Qamrun Nahar whose telephone number is (571) 272-3730. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam, can be reached on (571) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or processing is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

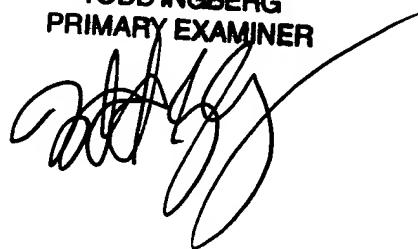
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Qamrun Nahar  
May 5, 2005

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TODD INGBERG". Below it, the words "PRIMARY EXAMINER" are printed in a bold, sans-serif font.